

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 28th 2007**

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## **WRC-'07**

The World Radio Conference of the International Telecommunications Union commenced in Geneva on Monday last and will continue until 16 November. The Irish Delegation at the conference comprises five members three of whom are holders of experimenter licences. They are John Breen EI7BV and Rory Hinchy EI4DJB of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and Samuel Ritchie EI6FZB of ComReg.

It is hoped that the Conference will agree to a new allocation to the amateur service of 150 kHz at 5260 to 5410 kHz. The European Common Proposal from the CEPT Countries supports this by way of an appropriate footnote to the ITU Radio Regulations. It is also proposed that existing allocations at 135 kHz become a worldwide secondary allocation at 135.7 to 137.8 kHz. IRTS has received assurances that Ireland will be supporting these proposals at the Conference.

Looking ahead to WRC-'11 it is hoped that the present Conference will agree to include on the agenda for the 2011 Conference consideration of an allocation in the range 50 to 54 MHz in the European Region of the ITU as well as a worldwide secondary allocation in parts of the band 415 to 526.5 kHz. We hope to keep you informed of developments as we get information on the progress of these items at the Conference.

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## **Shannon Basin Radio Club Sprint Challenge**

The Shannon Basin Radio club is again running its annual one-day Open, Fixed, Challenge for EI residents. This challenge is open to all licensed operators and short wave listeners, and will be held on the 4th of November 2007 from 14:00 to 18:00 Hours.

The purpose of the challenge is to encourage radio operators and short wave listeners to be active on the H.F bands. The challenge will have three modes of operation, and the winner in each mode will be awarded with the following.

The Lough Allen Shield will be awarded to the highest score in SSB. The Lough Ree Shield will be awarded to the highest score in CW (A1A). The Lough Derg Shield will be awarded to the highest score for SWL.

The above winners will also receive a personal trophy.

To receive a copy of the rules for the above challenge, please send a stamped address envelope to the contest manager EI6HW, Noel Mulvihill, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone, Co Westmeath or e-mail "nfmulvihill at eircom dot net".

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## **CQIR**

Please note that the latest date for submission of logs for CQIR is the 31st of October.

In addition to the list of logs received and provisional eligibility for draw entries, the IRTS web site is now showing the ancestry of the Overseas Irish entries, as well as the "soapbox comments" included with the log entries. For contesters and non-contesters alike, these make interesting reading! The Home Page at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) has links to the CQIR pages.

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## **Foyle and District Amateur Radio Club**

Foyle & District ARC play host to GB75PW on the 15th of November, the special event station to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Practical Wireless magazine. The club has the added advantage of having the ranks of their operators joined by Rob Mannion, editor of the magazine. Operation is expected to take place on a number of HF bands and also on 2 metres. For more information visit the clubs web site on [mn0aku.org.uk](http://mn0aku.org.uk).

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The Annual General Meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday next the 1st of November at 8.00pm in Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel, all are welcome.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

The next Meeting of the Limerick Radio Club will be on Thursday the 8th of November at Limerick Institute of Technology at 19:30 Hours Local.

Simon EI7ALB will give a presentation on Radio Astronomy. Radio astronomy is the study of distant objects in the Universe by collecting and analysing the naturally

occurring radio emissions from those objects in the frequency range from about 30 MHz to 300 GHz.

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### **Kerry Amateur Radio Group**

The Kerry Amateur Radio Group will hold its November monthly meeting on Saturday next, November the 3rd at 1000 UTC in the Muckcross House Coffee Shop, Muckcross Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry. Following the meeting, the group will depart for Barna, Co. Limerick, where portable operations on HF and VHF will commence from approx. 1300 Z until dark. EI2JP, EI7CQB and EI9ESB are organising the event and additional participants would be most welcome.

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### **Fingal Radio Club**

Fingal Radio Club held their AGM recently at their meeting rooms in Erin's Isle GAA complex in Finglas. A good attendance was had with a new committee duly voted in on the night.

The committee for 2007-2008 are as follows: Chairman is Gerry Birkhead EI9DZ, Secretary is Aidan Murphy EI5HW and Treasurer is Chris Yeates EI7AAB.

The outgoing treasurer Sean Linehan EI7CV was thanked for his sterling work throughout the year, and also for his culinary skills with his now infamous home-made Christmas cooking which formed the focal point for the clubs annual Christmas Dinner.

This year, the George Stritch Memorial Shield was awarded back to ALL members of the club, as opposed to any individual member.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

Congratulations to the following on achieving their new call-signs; Francis EI5GOB, Declan EI5GRB and Brendan EI5GNB.

A meeting of the club will take place on Monday the 29th and a committee meeting will take place on Monday the 6th of November.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

This year's South Dublin Radio Club Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday the 11th of December. After last year's success, the venue will remain the same; "The Morgue", Tempelogue from 8.00 p.m. until late.

Members of other clubs and visitors are very welcome to this social event. It's always a great turnout. Limited free food will be available for paid up members while visitors can choose from the bar menu up to 9.00 p.m.

The club will then go on Christmas holidays until the return on the 8th of January.

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### **Upcoming Rallies**

The Foyle and District Rally will take place on Sunday the 4th of November 2007 at the White Horse Hotel, Derry. Much equipment will be on display including a raffle for a Yaesu FT-1802M. Doors open at 11.30 a.m. for disabled access and noon for general access. Admission is 2 Pounds or 3 Euro and children admitted free. Talk-in is on S22 (145.550 MHz). For more information visit [www.mn0aku.org.uk](http://www.mn0aku.org.uk)

The Mayo Radio Rally will take place on Sunday the 18th of November in the Belmont Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo. For more information contact Padraic Baynes, EI9JA @ QTHR.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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